

Mr. Burges, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker the following report :

THE committee, to whom was referred a representation of facts, signed by a number of the inhabitants of Prince George's, Washington, Frederick, and Montgomery counties, in favour of the orphans of the late major Andrew Leitch, and the petition of Francis Deakins, beg leave to report, that they have enquired into the facts set forth in the said representation and petition, and find them severally to be true, and are therefore of opinion, that an act should pass agreeable to the prayer of the said representation and petition. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

J. KNAPP, clk.

Which was read.

On a second reading of the bill relating to forfeited recognizances, fines and forfeitures, the question was put, That the following clause be struck out? Viz.

"Whereas, on judgment or conviction of murder, the whole of the property of the convicted person becomes forfeited to and vested in the state, and it is deemed consonant to reason and justice, that the widow or child of the person murdered, if he should leave either, should have part of the property of the murderer, Be it enacted, That hereafter, on conviction of murder, the judgment shall be, if the deceased left a widow and no child, that one half of the property of the person convicted shall be forfeited to the state, and the other half to the widow; and if a widow and child or children, then one third to the state, and the residue to be equally divided between the widow and child or children, and his or their legal representatives; and if a child or children and no widow, then one half to the public, and the other half to the child or children, and his or their legal representatives, in equal shares; and no pardon by the governor shall discharge or release the right of the widow or child or children, or his or their legal representatives; and on release of any claim in virtue of this act, the widow, child, or legal representative of the person murdered, may be a legal witness."

The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Seney appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messrs	Forrest,	Cadwalader,	N. Worthington,	Jenifer,	Hindman,	Wilson,
	Thomas,	Lloyd,	Hall,	Stone,	Bowie,	Griffith,
	Plowden,	Stevenson,	B. Worthington,	Ridgely,	Hawkins,	Bayly.
	Mills,	Tilden,	Chew,	S. Worthington,	Kent,	

N E G A T I V E.

Messrs.	Brogden,	Duckett,	Chase,	Duvall,	M'Mechen,	Burges,
	Job,	Seney,	Quynn,	Taylor,	Sprigg,	Oneale.
	Miller,	Courfey,	Beatty,	Norris,		

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The bill being read throughout, the question was put, That the said bill do pass? Resolved in the affirmative. Sent to the senate by Mr. Norris and Mr. Beatty.

A bill to make valid a deed from Lemuel Cravath to Nathaniel Ramsay, was read the first and second time by especial order and passed. Sent to the senate by Mr. Wilson and Mr. M'Mechen.

Richard Barnes, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker the bill for the trial and punishment of spies, endorsed; "By the senate, January 5, 1782: Read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk.

"By the senate, January 5, 1782: Read the second time by especial order and will pass.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which was ordered to be engrossed.

Also a petition from George Adams, praying to be allowed for a horse killed in the public service; a petition from John Moale, William Lynch, William Wilkinfon, and John Cradock, executors of Mary Worthington, praying an act may pass, enabling them to sell part of a tract of land called Whiskey-ridge, for the benefit of the children of the said Mary Worthington, according to their respective interests; a petition of John Moale and Andrew Stigar, praying an act may pass, for the annexing two lots of ground to Baltimore-town; a petition from Job Garretson, sheriff of Baltimore county, praying the general assembly to enlarge the fees of the sheriff, and annex the collection of the public assessment to that office; a petition from fundry inhabitants in Baltimore-town, praying the general assembly to pass an act for widening Hanover-lane, in the said town; a petition from Martin Bulger, a prisoner in Baltimore county gaol, praying relief; and a petition from John Galloway, praying relief as to the assessment of Conococheague manor; severally endorsed; "By the senate, January 5, 1782: Read and referred to the house of delegates.

"By order,

J. MACCUBBIN, clk."

Which were read.

ORDERED,